GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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Promoting Sports among Tribal Youth
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the programmes for attracting and encouraging tribal youths to take up sports as a career; and
(b) whether there has been any special budget allocation for tribal youths for excelling in sports and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)
(a) "Sports" is a State subject. However, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports through Sports Authority of India (SAI) are implementing various sports promotional schemes to scout, nurture, support and encourage talented sports-persons including tribal youth in various sports disciplines to excel at National and International Competitions.
The Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme of SAI is specifically implemented to select sports talent mainly from tribal, rural, coastal and remote backward and hilly areas. Currently, there are 19 SAG Centres with 1862 trainees (1055 boys and 807 girls). They are provided with expert sports coaches, required playing facilities, consumable and non consumable sports equipment, boarding and lodging, sports kit, competition exposure, educational expenses,
medical and insurance and stipend as per the approved scheme norms.
A large number of tribal sports-persons identified and trained under various SAI schemes of the Ministry of Youth Affairs Sports and Sports Authority of India, who have won medals in National and International competitions have been given employment by the Government, private and public sector undertakings.
(b) Yes, Madam, there is special budgetary allocation for Scheduled tribes under Plan including for North East Region (NER) as under:-
Particulars
2015-16
From Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
15.50 Crores
From Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (For creation of barrier free environment in the Regional Centers of SAI under SIPDA Scheme).
0.06 Crores
Total
15. 56 crores
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